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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

MINES & MINERALS – Major Minerals - Withdrawal of orders of de-reservation of low grade Iron Ore areas over an extent of 789.88 acres in Sy.No.769 & 388 of Konijedu and Marlapadu Villages of Tangutur Mandal, Prakasam District from the total area reserved for exclusive exploitation for Iron Ore in Public Sectors – Notification - Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.101 Dated:09/11/2023

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.428, I&C (B-I) Department., dt:07.04.1972.
2. G.O.Ms.No.95, Ind. & Com. Department, dt:27.04.2009.
3. G.O.Ms.No.15, Ind. & Com. Department, dt:10.03.2021.
4. G.O.Ms.No.29, Ind. & Com. Department, dt:10.05.2021.
5. Govt.Lr.No.1309453/M.III/2021, Ind.& Com.(M.III) Dept., Dt:03.06.2021, 18.08.2021, 15.12.2021 & 28.04.2022 addressed to the MoM, GoI.
6. From the Ministry of Mines, GoI, Lr.No.16/152/2021-M.VI, dt:24.02.2022.
7. Govt. Lr.No.1309453/M.III/2021,dt:29.08.2022.
8. From MoM, GoI, Lr.No:16/152/221-M-VI, Dt:29.11.2022.
9. Govt. Memo.No.1309453/M.III/A3/2023, Dated:07/09/2023.
10. From the DM&G, AP Lr.No:23827/P/Iron Ore/2020, dt:07.09.2023.

O R D E R:

In the G.O. 1st read above, Government have reserved certain lands to an extent of 3143.02 Acres falling in Ongole, Addanki, Kandukur and Darsi erstwhile Taluks of Prakasam District for exploitation of Iron Ore in the Public Sector. In the said lands, One Mining Lease, over an extent of Ac 1307.06 Cents was granted in favour of M/s APMDC Limited for Iron Ore in Sy.No:769,388,418,420 and 208 of Konijedu, Marlapadu, Kanduluru, Sarvireddipalem and Yerajerla Villages of Tanguturu and Ongole Mandals of Prakasam District for a period of Twenty (20) years (2009 to 2029), vide G.O. 2nd read above.

2. In the G.O. 3rd read above, Government have accepted the full surrender of Mining Lease area held by M/s APMDC, which was sub leased in favour of M/s Gimpex (P) Limited for Iron Ore over an extent of 1307.26 Acres in Sy.No:769, 388, 418, 420 and 208 of Konijedu, Marlapadu, Kanduluru, Sarvireddipalem and Yerajerla Villages of Tanguturu and Ongole Mandals of Prakasam District for the reasons mentioned therein. Later, Government in due consideration of the recommendations of the Revenue and Mining Departments in the larger public interest, have issued orders, vide G.O 4th read above, de-reserving the areas over an extent of 789.88 Acres in Sy.No.769 & 388 of Konijedu and Marlapadu Villages of Tangutur Mandal, Prakasam District (which includes part of the surrendered ML area of 1307.26 Acres) from the total areas reserved for exclusive exploitation of Iron ore in public sectors as requested by the District Collector, so as to utilize these lands for the current public purposes, subject to ratification by the Government of India.

3. In the letters 5th read above, Government have requested the MoM, GoI to ratify the action of GoAP in de-reserving the said areas. The Ministry of Mines, GoI, have advised the State Government, to assess the mineral potentiality of the entire area through any notified exploration agency of Govt. of India and assess the beneficiability of Low Grade Iron Ore including the techno economic viability of the deposit for mining in the interest of mineral conservation, vide letter 6th read above. Accordingly, M/s APMDC Ltd., has requested the GSI to Study the subject area and the GSI has submitted the preliminary report to the MoM, GoI.

4. In the Letter 8th read above, the MoM, GoI obtained comments of Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) on the GSI report and furnished to State Government to submit

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remarks, wherein it is specifically mentioned that some of the Mining Lease holders are successfully mining the low grade Magnetite Iron Ore lease and concerned on the availability of mineral resources which are finite and limited and Government is making all efforts to increase the resource base of the Country in all commodities and therefore it may not be in larger public interest to use known mineralized areas for other purposes.

5. Subsequently, the DM&G, AP, in the letter 10th read above, has requested the Government for withdrawal of de-reservation of low grade Iron Ore areas over an extent of 789.88 acres in Sy.No.769 & 388 of Konijedu and Marlapadu Villages of Tangutur Mandal, Prakasam District from the total area reserved for exclusive exploitation of Iron Ore in public sectors, for the reasons mentioned therein.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter and in due consideration of the recommendations made by the MoM, GoI and the request of the Director of Mines and Geology, A.P., hereby withdraw the orders issued, vide G.O 4th read above, de-reserving low grade Iron Ore areas over an extent of 789.88 acres in Sy.No.769 & 388 of Konijedu and Marlapadu Villages of Tangutur Mandal, Prakasam District from the total areas reserved for exclusive exploitation of Iron ore in public sectors.

7. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in the Extra –Ordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette dt:09.11.2023.

NOTIFICATION

The Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby declares that the orders issued, vide G.O.Ms.No.29, Ind. &Com. Department, dt:10.05.2021, de-reserving the following areas from the areas reserved for exclusive exploitation of iron ore in the public sectors which were notified vide G.O.Ms.No.428, Industries & Commerce (B.I) Department, dated.07.04.1972, are withdrawn with immediate effect;

Name of the Mandal	**Name of the Village**	**Sy.No**	**Extent(Ac--Cents)**
Tangutur	Konijedu	769	391.00
	Marlapdu	388	398.88
Total			**789.88**

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery & Stores Purchases (Printing Wing) Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada. (with a request to publish the above notification and arrange to send 50 copies of the same to the Government in Industries & Commerce (M.III) Department and 20 copies to the Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada).
The Director of Mines & Geology, Ibrahimpatnam, A.P.
The District Collector & Magistrate, Prakasam District, Ongole.

Copy to:
The Ministry of Mines, Government of India, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
The VC&MD, APMDC. Ltd., Kanuru, Vijayawada.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister for Mines & Geology,
The PS to Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister,
The PS to Spl.CS. to Govt. (M&G),
The Revenue Department.
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